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ANENT ADA PRESIDENT LASSITER'S COMMENTS ON THE SEISMIC STUDIES MADE HERE BY SHELL INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM (HAGUE), REPORTED PARA 5 OF REFTEL, QUITO PRESS REPORTED SEPTEMBER 27 THAT SHELL, ON SEPTEMBER 26, DELIVERED ITS REPORT ON "GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH WORK" ON THE ECUADOREAN CONTINENTAL SHELF TO THE MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES. ARTICLE EXPLAINED THAT MINNATRES, JOINTLY WITH MINDEF, HAD AUTHORIZED SHELL TO IMPLEMENT A GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM OFF THE ECUADOREAN COAST FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE EXISTENCE OF HYDROCARBONS. THE REPORT WAS DESCRIBED AS CONTAINING "SEISMIC, MAGNETIC AND GRAVIMETRICAL DATA ALONG 13 LINES COVERING A LENGTH OF 2,084 KILOMETERS." MINNATRS JARRIN WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "THE MINISTRY NOW HAS A TECHNICAL REPORT WHICH WILL ENABLE IT TO INCREASE THE EXPLORATION ACTIVITES IN THIS AREA WITH A VIEW TO LOCATING HYDROCARBONS AND INSURING THE POTENTIAL ENERGY RESOURCES OF THE COUN-
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TRY. THE COMMENCEMENT OF EXPLORATIONS IN THE CONTINENTAL SHELF

IS A NEW GOAL WHICH WE SHALL ENDEAVOR TO REACH WITHIN THE FRAME-
WORK OF SOVEREIGNTY WHICH WE HAVE IMPOSED ON OURSELVES FOR THE
USE OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF ECUADOR FOR THE DIRECT BENEFIT
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